

ALLIES CLAIM STEADY GAINS ALONG FRONT DESPITE FOG

Reports Received In London Say
That General Joffre Has Made
Substantial Progress At Meuse
River and Argonne Forest

GERMANS' BARBED WIRE ENTANGLEMENTS REACHED

Berlin Announces Officially That
In Practically the Same Zone
Situation Remains Unaltered,
Aside From Several Reverses

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
LONDON, December 24.—Small but steady gains at various places along the line in the west since yesterday and last night. The principal gains reported from Paris were in the section between the Meuse river and the Argonne forest, where the French troops have worked their way clear up to the German position at one point.

The Paris despatches say:
"Our progress between the river Meuse and the Argonne forest has been maintained during the day. We have reached the enemy's barbed wire entanglements and salient angle southwest of Ferguwood."

"The earlier despatches announced that:
"Slight progress is being made by the Allies against the Germans on the northern end of the line."
"A heavy fog is hanging over the territory near Arras and little activity is apparent."

"Eight hundred additional yards have been gained at Peronne-sur-Marne, where a section of machine guns with crews was captured and a counter-attack repulsed."

"Two German earthworks have been undermined in the forest of Lagurrie. Subsequent fighting is taking place near Bourenville, where a German party has reconquered the positions lost yesterday."

"SITUATION IS UNCHANGED"
Berlin reported officially last night that the situation in the west was unaltered since the earlier reports, which said:

"Attacks near Lombardzyde, south of Dixmude, on our positions have been easily repulsed."

"The English have again been driven from their positions at Richebourg and Ravon. All the captured English positions have been retaken despite desperate counter attacks. Since December 20 we have captured 750 Anglo-Indian prisoners, five machine guns and four minis throwers."

"French attacks at Souain and Perthes have been partly repulsed."

"RAIDERS REACHES COLOGNE"
Advices from Cologne reported that the Kaiser and his entire staff had arrived there yesterday on their way from Berlin to the western battle front.

SUCCESSES CONFIRMED

SEVERAL, December 24.—Correspondents at the front telegraph that the undeniable advantages won by the Allies along the front have given rise to some exaggerated rumors. They say the fact is the Allies, through their vigorous offensive tactics of the last few days, have gained incontrovertible successes at Ypres and Meuseport. They report that the Germans have evacuated some villages, which the Allies have not yet occupied, viz., Boulers and Chiddekerke.

QUEEN WILHELMINA BUYS HOLLAND BONDS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
THE HAGUE, December 24.—Queen Wilhelmina, when signing the War Loan Bill passed by her parliament authorizing the floating of a bond issue of \$110,000,000, stated that she personally would underwrite one million dollars' worth of the bonds.

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
BALBOA, December 24.—The wireless apparatus on the British steamer Proteus has been dismantled because it was used to send out code messages, contrary to the rules.

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
LONDON, December 24.—The London Stock Exchange, closed on account of the war, will reopen January 4.

President Wilson To Give Yuletide Presents To Poor

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
WASHINGTON, December 24.—President Wilson, who plans to commemorate his wife's memory by imitating the example she set in 1913, of distributing useful Christmas gifts among some of the city's poor, has made large purchases, which he will distribute today. He will not go away for the holidays, but will spend Christmas here, at the White House, with his daughter, Mrs. Francis B. Sayre and Miss Margaret.

Yesterday the President presented to the White House employees, including the policemen and the domestic, with a fifteen pound Christmas turkey, distributing in all one hundred and twenty-five turkeys.

Last night both houses of congress adjourned for Christmas, to reassemble in the twenty-ninth.

WILLIAM HAAS DODGES CONTEMPT PROCEEDINGS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
SAN FRANCISCO, December 24.—William Haas, of Haas Brothers, the firm that supplied the greater part of the cargo of the steamer Olsen & Company, yesterday had the charge of contempt of court against him dropped. In the first inquiry before the federal grand jury, Haas has refused to give information regarding the names of the purchasers of these goods and was, as a consequence, cited for contempt. In asking that the charge be dropped, the district attorney yesterday stated that Haas had subsequently furnished all the information required.

SHIPPING COMPANIES INCREASE ALL RATES

SAN FRANCISCO, December 24.—The local agencies of the American-Hawaiian Steamship Company and the Grace and Luckenbach lines yesterday announced an increase in freight and transportation rates.

SERBIA DECLINES OFFERS OF PEACE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
ATHENS, December 24.—Reports have reached here that on two different occasions Austria has approached Serbia with offers of peace, and that these offers were refused on both occasions.

BUSINESS IMPROVED IN GERMAN CAPITAL

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
BERLIN, December 24.—Business is greatly improved here and there are fewer unemployed people. The grand opera, the no and bicycle factories which at first were hard hit through the cessation of business are now all busily engaged in turning out military necessities.

GRAND LAMA'S PALACE DESTROYED BY FIRE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
URUGA, Mongolia, December 24.—One of the great wonder-houses of the world has been destroyed in the burning of the Grand Lama's palace here. The palace was defaced and contained priceless treasures, many of them of great antiquity. The loss is enormous.

(By Associated Press.)
LUBECK, Germany, December 23.—Fortune tellers now are forbidden to practice in any part of the German empire. Soon after the war broke out they began to do an enormous business with relatives of soldiers in the field, who wanted to know how things were going with them. Visits to the fortune tellers often had tragic consequences, as many of the callers were in a high state of nervous tension. The uncertainty of relatives regarding their men folk at the front has been aggravated by the complete muddle of the field postal organization, which is being severely criticized by the newspapers.

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
PETROGRAD, December 24.—No arrests have been made in Petrograd for drunkenness for four consecutive days, including two holidays and a Sunday. This is the first time in the history of the capital that such a record has been made.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure.
E. W. Grove's signature is on each box.
PARIS MEDICINE CO., St. Louis, U.S.A.

TERRIBLE FLOOD SWEEPS ARIZONA TO MEXICAN LINE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
TUCSON, Arizona, December 24.—Great damage is being done here by flood, the result of a week of almost continuous rains, which have caused the river to overflow until the whole country from Phoenix to the Mexican border is under water.

Yesterday three deaths from drowning were reported, while from all over the country came reports of drowned stock by the hundreds, ranch houses cut off and destroyed and city residents wrecked or washed away.

The Santa Cruz River is now a mile and a half wide and all property along its original bed has been washed away.

Near Nogales a passenger train is incumbered, with the track washed out in front and behind it.

GERMAN PEOPLE URGED TO LIMIT THEIR FOOD

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
AMSTERDAM, Holland, December 24.—The Völkische Zeitung of Berlin is publishing an appeal by leading professors of political economy urging that the people eat only vegetables and rice bread, leaving meat, white bread and all delicacies for the sick and wounded.

(Special Cable to New York Herald)
COPENHAGEN, December 24.—"It is quite certain the war will last a very long time, and in the meantime the German nation must be prepared to live on short commons."

For publishing this statement, made at a private meeting of a committee of the Reichstag by the German Imperial Chancellor and which all the Berlin newspapers except the Völkische Zeitung suppressed, the whole issue of the latter newspaper containing the statement has been confiscated.

ANTI-BOOZE FORCES TO CONTINUE FIGHT

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
WASHINGTON, December 24.—Undismayed by the defeat of the prohibition amendment in the house yesterday and encouraged at the great strength shown, the prohibitionists are preparing to make a new fight before the next congress. Representative Nelson, who introduced the measure, predicts a gain in strength when the matter comes up again.

ENGLAND INDENTURES GERMAN NAVY VICTIMS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
LONDON, December 24.—The English government will arrange to indemnify all the sufferers of the recent German naval raid upon the North Coast, in which there was considerable loss of life among non-combatants.

TROOPS WILL WITHDRAW FROM COLORADO MINES

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
WASHINGTON, December 24.—It was announced today that within the next ten days the federal troops will be withdrawn from the Colorado mine strike zone.

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
LONDON, December 24.—According to a report which reaches here by way of Rome, two heavily loaded troop trains collided, with disastrous consequences to the Austrian forces, on Tuesday night near Kalish, on the Silesian-Polish border. As a result of the collision, the troop trains piled up. One thousand soldiers were killed and many more were injured.

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
PEKING, December 24.—President Yuan Shih-kai today revived the picturesque and imperial custom of the worship of heaven at the time of the winter solstice. He appeared at sunrise before the "Altar of Heaven." Formerly this religious observance was the sole function of Emperors of the kingdom.

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
NEW YORK, December 24.—Throughout the United States and Great Britain and in Canada the one hundredth anniversary of the date of the signing of the Treaty of Ghent, which terminated the last war between the two English-speaking nations, is being celebrated today.

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
PARIS, December 24.—Parliament yesterday voted an appropriation of \$1,700,000,000 for the expenses of the next six months, including the war.

GREAT BOOM IN BUSINESS IS PREDICTED

Charles M. Schwab Says Country
Is On Threshold of Greatest
Prosperity in Years

Business Prosperity Expected When
Returns From England Where He
Cancelled Contracts To Build
Warships For Allies

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
NEW YORK, December 24.—That the United States is "on the threshold of the greatest period of prosperity for many years," is the expressed belief of Charles M. Schwab, president of the Steel Trust, who returned from England yesterday, whence he had gone on a hurried mission, the main object of which had been to cancel contracts for the construction of a number of submarines in Great Britain for the British government. The amount of the cancelled contracts, Mr. Schwab admitted yesterday, is fifteen million dollars.

The contracts to which it is reported President Wilson objected as not being in line with strict American neutrality, are small, however, compared to the sum total of the contracts entered into by the European governments with American manufacturers and producers, said Mr. Schwab. Altogether, at the present time, orders calling for the delivery of three hundred million dollars' worth of American goods have been placed.

The dinner of these contracts and the impulse to manufacturing that should come from a diversion of \$300 million to America will keep American machinery at full time for an extended period. The era of good times for America is at hand.

MAYOR ROLPH DUSTS FIRE COMMISSIONERS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
SAN FRANCISCO, December 24.—The entire city board of fire commissioners were dismissed yesterday, after a trial in which they were charged with trying to remove Chief Murphy of the fire department without preferring charges against him. When the matter came to light last Monday, the commissioners were immediately suspended. Mayor Rolph announced that he will appoint a new board today.

AGGRESSIONS WON'T EXCHANGE PRISONERS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
ROME, December 24.—The information has been given out at the Vatican that the Pope has been trying to arrange for an exchange of prisoners between the warring powers. The answer so far received have been unfavorable. No information is given out as to what nations have replied to the overtures.

After Passing Years

The Testimony Below Remains Unshaken.
Time is the best test of merit. Here is a story that has stood the test of time. It is a story with a point which will come straight home to many of us. Mrs. Conrad J. Decker, 26 Amory St., Roxbury, Mass., says: "I suffered awfully from kidney complaint for a whole year. I tried almost everything I thought would help me, but I never found relief. When my back was aching, I was either having a splitting headache or bad dizzy spells. I often had to give up every bit of my house work and lie down. My back ached until I thought it would break. The kidney secretions gave me no end of trouble and my appetite was very poor. When Dr. Don's Backache Kidney Pills were recommended to me, I got several boxes. I began to pick up from the first, and it wasn't long before I was completely cured. There has never been any sign of kidney complaint in my case since and I have enjoyed the best of health. The recommendation I gave Dr. Don's Backache Kidney Pills a few years ago can be used as it has in the past."

Don's Backache Kidney Pills are sold by all druggists and storekeepers at 50 cents per box (six boxes \$2.50), or will be mailed on receipt of price by the Hallett Drug Co., Honolulu, wholesale agents for the Hawaiian Islands.
Remember the name, Don's, and take no substitute.

GENERAL SCOTT MAKES PROGRESS WITH MEXICANS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
NAGO, Arizona, December 24.—"Very satisfactory" is the summing up of the result of the interviews he had yesterday with Colonel Hill, by Brigadier General Scott, the American chief of staff.

General Scott is expected to the Mexican border tomorrow, giving him to understand that the United States would tolerate no longer any hostile conditions in Mexico that endangered the lives and properties of Americans on American soil.

General Scott said that he looked for a favorable result from his personal warnings and efforts to see an immediate end to the border trouble. He will confer with General Maynes today.

RUSSIAN SOLDIERS WILL RECEIVE 'XMAS' GIFTS

(By Associated Press.)
PETROGRAD, December 23.—Preparations are being actively made, both privately and publicly, for the adequate celebration by the armies of Christmas and New Year's Day. Special facilities have been granted by the authorities for the dispatch to the front of every kind of useful Christmas gift, such as warm clothing or the favorite edibles associated with this season by the various peoples that make up the Russian army. Tobacco and snuff will also be sent to the soldiers in great quantity.

OKUMA WILL FIGHT OPPOSING PARTIES

Will Dissolve Parliament Unless
Deputies Pass Bill

TOKIO, December 23.—(Special Cable to the Nippo Jiji)—Premier Count Okuma today made it known that if the chamber of deputies refuses to pass the appropriation which provides for the organization of two additional army divisions for station in Korea, he immediately will dissolve the present parliament and call for a new election. Count Okuma's proposed action is based on the fact that the majority of the members of parliament belong to the anti-governmental parties, which parties are opposed to the appropriation.

The members of the Seiyukai, the anti-governmental party, will hold a caucus today to decide upon the attitude of that body toward the army expansion bill. As the leaders of the party have decided to oppose the appropriation, it is expected that every member of the body will adopt this policy and cooperate in the effort of the party to kill the appropriation.

It is reported that the Kokomito, another anti-governmental party, will aid the Seiyukai in the latter's fight against the appropriation.

DREDGING OF CANAL NOT YET COMPLETED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
WASHINGTON, December 23.—Colonel Goethals, governor of the Canal Zone, says that it will probably be necessary to continue dredging operations for a year or more before slides into the canal will cease. After about a year's work, he thinks, so much of the big hills will be removed as to end the danger of slides of any size into the great waterway.

AUSTRIAN EMPEROR SAID TO BE DYING

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
ROME, December 24.—There was a rumor in circulation last night that the aged Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria, who has been very feeble for some time, was in a dying condition. According to this rumor, priests had administered the last sacrament to the dying monarch.

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
CATANIA, Italy, December 24.—There is considerable activity again at the Mt. Etna volcano. Much apprehension has been excited among the people in the vicinity.

A piece of land, only four-tenths of an acre in area, in Napoona, South Kona, Hawaii, was sold at public auction yesterday by Land Commissioner Tucker for \$510 to Edgar Henriques of Honolulu. The upset price was \$100, the bidding being spirited from the time Commissioner Tucker first raised his hammer until he dropped finally and knocked the sale of the lot down to the Trent Trust Company, which was bidding for Henriques.

ARCHDUKE EUGENE ASSUMES COMMAND AGAINST SERBIANS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
LONDON, December 24.—Bavaria's dispatches from Vienna, published in the Austrian announcements, contain an official explanation of the reasons for the defeat suffered by Austria at the hands of the Serbians.

The blame is attributed to Field Marshal Potiorek, who has been superseded by Archduke Eugene, who will command the operations against Serbia. Although the failure of the Serbian campaign had been previously admitted, this dispatch does not mention a reversal of the campaign, other than the change in commanding generals.

On December 16 the Post was in receipt of dispatches from Budapest to the effect that Field Marshal Potiorek was to be court-martialed at Vienna for withdrawing three army corps along the Serbian front while commander-in-chief in this theater.

WRITER OF WOLFVILLE TALES PASSES AWAY

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
NEW YORK, December 24.—Alfred Henry Lewis, editor of The Verdict, a humorous weekly, and editor of a score of books, died here today a victim of intestinal troubles.

Alfred Henry Lewis, familiarly known under the pen name of "Dan Quinn," was for many years the Washington correspondent of the New York Journal and was in charge of the Washington bureau of the New York Journal at a later date. In 1880 he founded the Verdict and acted as its editor until shortly before his death, when illness caused him to retire from active business life.

Among the many offerings from Lewis' pen are: Wolfville, Epitaph of Cowboy Life, Sandbarbs, Wolfville Days, Wolfville Nights, Black Lion Inn, Peggy O'Neil, The Sunset Trail, Confessions of a Detective, Story of Paul Jones, The Throwback, When Men Were Tall, An American Patriotism—Aunt Burr, Wolfville Folks, Apaches of New York and Faro Nell and Her Friends.

Lewis was a frequent contributor to current magazines and the last mentioned of his works have appeared during the last couple of years.

PRISONERS OF WAR ARE WELL TREATED

(By Associated Press)
GENEVA, December 16.—English and French soldier prisoners in Germany are well treated, especially the wounded in hospitals, as a recent visit by a Swiss committee to the hospitals of Constance and Munich proves, but the men want something to do. The soldiers, it is stated, are feeling the effects of idleness and many are willing to break stones to pass away the time. Among the English and French prisoners, even in the ranks, are many well educated men, and the prospect of remaining many months, perhaps a year, without doing anything appeals them. German authorities are distributing among the prisoners pamphlets on German Kultur translated in different languages, giving a Berlin account of the war intended to show that Germany was attacked by the Triple Entente and is only defending herself.

Bishop Estate Has Leased Square Mile Coffee Land To Farmers

One third of the new five and ten acre coffee lots in Keolu, South Kona, recently surveyed and laid out by the Bishop Estate trustees have been leased. There are applications on file for the entire tract of a square mile of beautiful agricultural land.

G. H. Gere land agent for the estate stated yesterday that he is trying to place the land in the hands of tenants who will cultivate the land at first hand.

There has been much speculation in coffee leases throughout the Kona districts, especially during the periods when staple crops at fancy prices. Tenants have in the past sold their leaseholds at prices ranging from the total valuation of one to four crops, or up to \$400 and \$500 per acre. A fall in coffee prices brings about many devaluations and there are heavy losses against the land owners and first tenants.

The Bishop Estate trustees are using every endeavor to keep this land out of the hands of speculators. They are holding six mile road into the tract, so that every lot has a frontage and it is to the advantage of all concerned that the best possible use be made of every acre of this new venture. For this reason, the agents are leasing the lots only to those who they are satisfied will make the best use of the property.

MOMENTOUS BATTLE RAGES ALONG WHOLE LINE IN EAST

Germans Are Attacking Strong
Muscovite Positions Furiously,
While Heavy Russian Forces
Are Moving Against Craew

TEUTONS ARE SUFFERING ENORMOUSLY IN LOSSES

While Berlin Admits Terrible
Fighting Along Bzura River and
Vienna Claims Progress, No
Mention Is Made of Reverses

LONDON, DECEMBER 24.—Advices from the eastern theater of war yesterday, reported general successes for the Russians all along the line. The official Petrograd and Berlin announcements regarding the fighting in the center, agree in that both say it is still in progress, with the Germans attacking strongly entrenched Russian positions.

Advices from Paris report that heavy Russian forces are moving against Craew from north and east, and that an important battle is developing. The Russians have been advancing steadily in this section.

AUTO BATTERIES EFFECTIVE

The official announcement from Petrograd last night says:
"We were generally successful yesterday on all fronts. Our best successes were along the Nida and Dnieper rivers, and in the Carpathians."
"The Germans are still trying to force the crossings of the Bzura and Biala rivers, and heavy fighting is in progress, with the Germans suffering enormous losses. In the district of Siedlce alone more than one thousand Germans were counted after their attack had been repulsed. Our success is due chiefly to our automobile batteries, which have been able to move with great rapidity and support all portions of the line where the attack was increasing in strength."

"A report, which has not yet been confirmed, is that our forces annihilated the Twenty-sixth Austrian Brigade by a surprise attack, after having gained a position in their rear."

SLAVS WINNING IN GALICIA

"During the last two days we have been successful in Southern Galicia, capturing 4000 Austrian prisoners."

The official Berlin announcement yesterday, referring to the eastern situation, said:
"The situation in East and West Prussia is unchanged. The battling along the Bzura river, between the German offensive forces and the strongly entrenched Russians continues."
The dispatch last night said:
"The situation is unaltered. Heavy fighting continues along the Bzura river."

In the Austrian official announcement, Vienna was rather non-committal yesterday. The dispatch said:

"Our operations in the Carpathians are progressing favorably. Several battles continue near Kromio, Jaslo, Tschow and on the Lower Donajec River."

GERMAN WEST AFRICA IN ANOTHER TURMOIL

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
LISBON, December 24.—German soldiers have begun a new invasion of the province of Angola, German West Africa. The Portuguese forces are retreating.

SENATOR-ELECT PHELAN TO INVESTIGATE ENVOY

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
WASHINGTON, D. C., December 24.—President Wilson has appointed James D. Phelan, senator-elect from California, as a special commissioner to probe charges of corruption against James M. Sullivan, American minister to the Dominican Republic. Sullivan was appointed in August, 1913. Prior to that he was a practicing lawyer of New York City.

THE CHILDREN'S COLDS.

Watch the children's colds and cure them before they weaken the vitality. Use Chamberlain's Cough Remedy freely. It is perfectly safe. It has been tested by chemists and pronounced free from injurious substances and even has a trifle. For sale by all dealers. Hanson Smith & Co., agents for Hawaii.